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AGENDA ITEM: Measurement and Outcomes Technical Resource Group

ENCLOSURES: • Revised Proposal (Policy Paper)

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

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The revised draft Proposal has been modified according to the comments that were received from the May 23, 2008, meeting of the Measurements and Outcomes Technical Resource Group (MOTRG). The Co-Chairs have reviewed the changes and a final policy paper was approved on May 8, 2008. The new version of the policy paper will be presented to the Commission for approval on May 29, 2008. A presentation on the salient points of the document will also be provided by Larry Poaster on that date.

The policy paper recommends that the MHSOAC contract with an objective and competent contractor to conduct the evaluation. The following principles will be the governing hallmarks:

- Exhibits integrity and professionalism
- Is valid and reliable; uses accepted social science research methodologies
- Includes and is responsive to the interests and values of stakeholders, communities and society
- Demonstrates cultural competence; uses appropriate strategies and skills to work with diverse groups
- Contributes to the development of knowledge and competence, including improving effectiveness and efficiency of programs and systems
- Identifies both what is working well and what is not
- Includes a carefully designed and functional system for collecting, organizing, maintaining, analyzing and utilizing meaningful information
- Produces timely, consistent, relevant data reports and disseminates them widely
- Is methodologically sound and impervious to vested interests
- To the degree possible, utilizes existing information to minimize the burden of data collection on service providers.

Proposed Motion: Adopt the Policy Paper for Evaluation of the MHSA